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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-14, 16-20, 22-28, 30, and 32-35 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-14, 16-20, 22-28, 30, and 32-35 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully request such action.